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1(presently amended). A thermic module for a self-heating container, wherein said container includes a bottom end with a cavity having internal walls formed therein for receiving said thermic module, said thermic module further comprising:

- a. a first cup having plastic walls and containing a first chemical reactant;
- b. a second cup containing a second chemical reactant;
- c. a dividing wall positioned between said first and second cups such that said first and second chemical reactants cannot mix;
- d. an end cap positioned below said second cup and retaining said second chemical reactant within said second cup;
- e. an actuator for puncturing said dividing wall positioned between said end cap and said dividing wall; and
- f. wherein said walls of said first cup are formed of a plastic of sufficient thickness and have a sufficiently low having Vicat Softening Point such that said plastic walls expand into contact with said internal walls of said cavity upon mixing of said first and second chemicals between about 120°C and about 60°C.

2(canceled).

3(presently amended). The thermic module of claim 2~~1~~, wherein said Vicat Softening Point is between about 90 °C and about 60 °C.